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June 25, 1985

Lackawanna County Commissioners
200 Adams Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503

Gentlemen:

The citizens of Carbonade and the Upper Lackawanna Valley are vitally concerned with the future of the rail line from Scranton to Carbonade, and (2) the development of existing and future industry along the line. To that end, a grass roots effort, organized and managed by the Carbonade Historical Society and Museum, Inc., was initiated ten days ago to raise funds locally to be matched by PennDOT for the rehabilitation of the line. This effort was begun because the Carbonade Historical Society and the students of the Carbonade Area High School are concerned with the future of the economic consequences of the return of rail service to the Upper Lackawanna Valley.

Without rail service in Carbonate, we run the risk of losing existing industry along the rail line. At the same time, we minimize the cost of attracting new industry to the line. The city has been awarded a \$169,300 grant for the early rehabilitation of the rail line. A large portion of this grant will be used to help stabilize the rail line. A grant of \$100,000 from the Carbonate Historical Society's rail preservation fund is also being applied for. In addition, the City of Carbonate, in a spirit of intergovernmental cooperation, has made available a \$500,000 grant for this important civic enterprise.

Given the fact that a significant portion of the original prosperity of the Lackawanna Valley was tied to the rail industry, and given the fact that the potential for economic rebirth through railroads now exists, we can, by working effectively together, look forward to a thriving economy in which railroads play a key role.

Sincerely,
Henry J. Loftus
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Second Vice President

June 26, 1985

Dear Contributor to the Lackawanna Railroad fund of the
Carbondale Historical Society:

Thank you for your donation to the Lackawanna Railroad fund of the Carbondale Historical Society.

The Lackawanna Railroad Authority is not a tax-exempt organization, as we originally thought when we began to raise these funds for the rehabilitation of the rail line. The Carbondale Historical Society is a tax-exempt (501 c 3) organization. In order to ensure that all donors to this fund might take full advantage of their donation to the fund, the County has advised us that instead of presenting these donations directly to the County that they be donated through the railroad fund of the Carbondale Historical Society.

We are telling you this because we want to assure you that your donation to the Carbondale Historical Society's rail fund went to the Lackawanna County Railroad Authority as a grant from the Carbondale Historical Society. This grant was funded in part by your donation to the Historical Society's rail fund.

Enclosed is a copy of my letter of June 25, 1985, to the County Commissioners. Attached thereto is a list of donors to the rail fund. You will note that your name is included in this list.

Again, thank you for your generous donation to the rehabilitation of the rail line and, by extension, to the future of the Upper Lackawanna Valley.

Sincerely,
Henry J. Loftus
Second Vice President

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went to golf course in late afternoon and took bread dough with me; punched it down and formed it into loaves and went into town and met Jerry & JVB at CPL -- we went to the BBC and produced the two letters on the preceding page. I returned to the Golf Course and baked the bread, which is the best I have ever made: wonderful flavor, very crusty, very Chewy (not soft, not gummy) -- and the ingredients are: 7 cups of flour, $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups of water, 2 teaspoons of salt, 2 packages of dry yeast; I allowed it to rise three times and then formed the loaves & baked them, using Julia Child's technique (no asbestos however).

8-10 PM - Farewell visit to 80 Cemetery Street;
both EAG & SWS in radiant good spirits;
they will leave for Danville tomorrow; SWP
and I had the impression that we would
never again visit 80 Cemetery with EAG
there; we also had the impression that
we were saying good-bye to EAG forever.
On the way home in the car I had tears
in my eyes. [We had tea in the dining
room, with butter pecan ice cream
tangel food cake.]

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